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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE TERRITORY OF GUAM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LORETTA SANCHEZ TAIANAO,

Defendant.

*CRIMINAL* *K*  
~~MAGISTRATE~~ CASE NO.

06-00038

COMPLAINT

POSSESSION OF A THREATENED SPECIES  
[16 U.S.C. § 1538(a)(1)(D)]

THE UNDERSIGNED COMPLAINT CHARGES UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF  
THAT:

On or about August 24, 2006, within the District of Guam, the defendant herein,  
LORETTA SANCHEZ TAIANAO, did unlawfully and knowingly possess one (1) green sea  
turtle (*chelonina mydas*) that was taken in violation of Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations,  
§ 17.42(b)(1),

All in violation of Title 16, United States Code, §§ 1538(a)(1)(D).

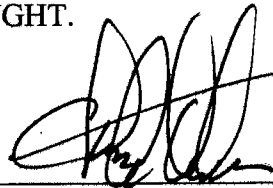
1 COMPLAINT FURTHER STATES:

2 1) On August 24, 2006, the carapace of a Green Sea turtle was found at the residence of  
3 LORETTA SANCHEZ TAIANAO. At the request of Guam Aquatics and Wildlife Service  
4 personnel, TAIANAO gave them permission to search her residence. Ten pounds of Green Sea  
5 turtle meat was found in the freezer.  
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7 2) I interviewed TAIANAO later on August 24. She told me that she had purchased the  
8 Green Sea turtle on August 18, 2006, and she had slaughtered it on August 22, 2006, and put the  
9 meat in the freezer.  
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11 3) The Green Sea turtle is a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of  
12 1973, and its taking, possession or slaughter is prohibited by 16 U.S.C. §§ 1539(a)(1)(D) and  
13 1540, and Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, § 17.42(b)(1).  
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15 FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

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18 CHARLES J. RATERMAN  
19 Special Agent, NOAA

20 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on this 28th day of August, 2006.

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23 JOAQUIN V.E. MANIBUSAN, JR.  
24 Magistrate Judge  
25 District Court of Guam  
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